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1 Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump had a new target on Sunday, calling fellow White House contender Ted Cruz "a little bit of a maniac" as the senator surpassed him in an Iowa poll. Cruz's dogged pursuit of conservative Iowa voters has paid off in the form of a 10-point lead over Trump in the state, which has one of the earliest presidential contests. REUTERS

DEADLY SYRIAN STRIKES

2 Intense air and missile strikes on a school district and other areas in insurgent-held Damascus suburbs killed dozens of people on Sunday, including children, according to a monitoring group and local rescue workers. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said unidentified war planes hit the town of Douma, 10 miles northeast of the capital, and surface-to-surface missiles fired by the Syrian army also hit the surrounding areas, including Eastern Ghouta. The strikes killed at least two children and a school principal, it said. REUTERS

FACEBOOK VANDALIZED

3 Vandals have damaged a building housing Facebook's offices in Hamburg, smashing glass, throwing paint and spraying "Facebook dislike" on a wall, police in the northern German city said on Sunday. The overnight attack on the social networking group was carried out by a group of 15-20 people. REUTERS

IMPROMPTU SHOW

7 Members of INRUSH, the top-level performance group of the "Got Strings" youth orchestra, played a spontaneous gig at Jefferson Station.

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BRAZILIANS PROTEST

4 Thousands of Brazilians took to the streets of major cities on Sunday to demand President Dilma Rousseff's ouster, but the first nationwide protests since formal impeachment proceedings began were smaller than similar events earlier this year. Police did not provide official estimates, although television stations said there were about 6,000 in Sao Paulo and slightly fewer in Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia. REUTERS

TEEN FOUND DEAD

5 A West Philly teenager reported missing in November was found dead Friday, police said. A vigil was held in honor of Xavier Stern, 15, at Monarch Football Field, 6501 Callowhill Strreet, on Sunday night, the Inquirer reported. Stern played football at that field with the Overbrook Monarchs. A police report stated that officers received a report of a body in a 1998 Lincoln Town Car on the 2400 block of N. Park Avenue, near Broad and York streets, on Friday.

SAM NEWHOUSE

PHILLY BAR STABBING

6 A fracas at a Manyunk bar early Sunday left one man stabbed and one under arrest, police said. The investigation is still open, police said Sunday morning. One suspect in the incident at Mad River Club is in custody and another is being sought by police.

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Jackie Wleh meets with Genene Grimes, 29, and her family in their North Philadelphia home. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

His hope is helping families

The small ABC Men charity is trying to help families have holidays.

"Helping people is just in my genes, I just love it."
Wleh

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Liberian immigrant Jackie Wleh knows what he will be doing the Saturday before Christmas. Instead of shopping for last-minute gifts, he'll be waking up at 6 a.m. to pick up free food at ShopRite before heading to Blue Bell to get donated bread and bring it back to Philly, where he'll operate his monthly food pantry until around 6 p.m. that night.

"Helping people is just in my genes, I just love it," Wleh, 39, said while driving back from visiting a Kensington mother who applied to his holiday charitable program.

Wleh founded ABC Men Inc., an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit, five years ago. Best known for their volunteer snow removal service for the elderly and disabled, ABC Men has since expanded to programs like mentoring for teens, a food pantry, and Adopt-A-Family, which links families up with charitable donations around the holidays.

"For the 2½ years, we funded it," Wleh said — meaning himself and his wife, who now live in Drexel Hill, and have three children. Since then they have found grants and other sources of charitable funding to create their slim budget.

Wleh, who works in hospitality management at a Philly hotel, has managed to get together a few thousand dollars in charitable donations over the past few years to distribute to families so they can get gifts.

One of the families signing up this year is that of Genene Grimes, 29, who recently moved to Kensington with her six kids. She was only able to afford the home after qualifying for Section 8 housing.

"It's been much better since we got the funding and we could move into a bigger home space," Grimes said. "But now we just have to pull everything together."

She wants to get back to work, but can't manage day care — her mother is elderly and not always able to help, and her sister is usually at work, Grimes said.

"My No.. 1 issue is child care," Grimes said. "When stuff needs to be done, it's just me."

In the meantime, her older kids are starting to lead their own lives. Her daughter, Zymera, 12, is in seventh grade at the nearby John Stetson charter school, and her son, Daemeir, 10, is in training as a boxer at the rec center.

But with four other kids, ranging in age from 6 to 4 months, and an income of $700 a month in benefits and food stamps, Grimes doesn't have much of a hope for a nice Christmas.

And she is the victim of a recent crime. After moving and leaving a job to have a baby, someone broke into her house on Thanksgiving, stealing numerous possessions — even her daughter's boots — and some money Grimes had saved up.

"Everything was back to back to back," she described of the series of events.

Grimes' family is just one of more than 104 families who have applied to be part of Adopt-A-Family, an endorsement which guarantees about $50 per family member, and which can possibly bring more if the charity gets enough donations.

Wleh is still surprised when he gets families referred to his small organization by City Councilmen and even U.S. senators.

"It's amazing. It's like, 'You guys need to be helping us help them,'" Wleh said. "But the need is the need."

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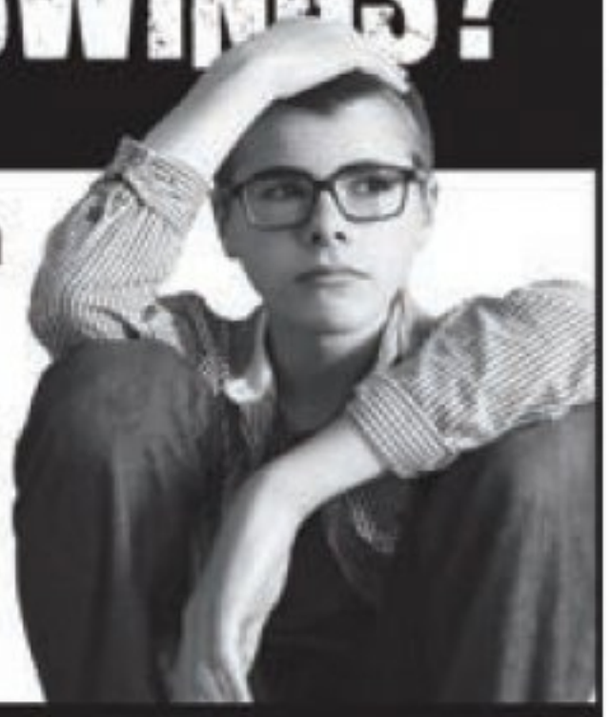

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This year marks the seventh anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic logo.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system. Your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

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'No snow in forseeable future'

Forecasters say the moderate to warm temperatures are going to last.

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As temperatures soared to 70 degrees on Sunday, Center City became packed with passersby who apparently decided the balmy weather was more interesting than the Eagles game.

LOVE Park, Dilworth Park and the surrounding streets were overflowing with people, many dressed in summer clothes.

While this week is set to get colder, it won't be by much. The warm weather could last right up to Christmas.

"There is no snowfall in the foreseeable future," said Lance Franck, a National Weather Service meteorologist at the Mount Holly station.

Franck said the forecast calls for temperatures around 60 on Monday, which will be rainy, down to 55 by Wednesday and down to 50 and below by Friday and the weekend. But after that, they could go back up again.

The warm weather across the East Coast is caused by atmospheric patterns that are the opposite of what Philly saw this time last year, which are in part related to the recurrence of El Nino in the Pacific Ocean, Franck said.

"There's been a persistent dip in the jet stream across the western United States. Converse to that has been a persistent ridge in the eastern U.S., and it is creating a southwest flow of air from more subtropical regions," he said.

Franck said forecasts do not clearly show whether the warmer weather could mean a harsher winter ahead.

"Some of the indicators are pointing to the possibility that the winter might be a bit one-sided in terms of more of it occurring later in the season," Franck said. "It is possible that we may see a disproportionate amount of snow during that time, but its only a possibility."

Based on records going back to 1872, Philadelphia on average has its first snowfall of at least a tenth of an inch by Dec. 10.

The earliest snowfall on record was Oct. 19 in 1940. The latest was Feb. 3 in 1995.

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The timetables they are a-changin'

Effective December 13, 2015, Airport Line Trains will operate on a new timetable meant to enhance service reliability. Weekday trains will no longer continue through service to Warminster and West Trenton Lines. Airport Line service still runs every 30 minutes, stops at every terminal and bags ride free.

Visit septa.org to learn more.

SEPTA GM EXPLAINS NEW SCHEDULE

For this week's ASK SEPTA column, SEPTA GM Jeffrey Knueppel wrote this letter to SEPTA riders explaining the changes recently made to several Regional Rail schedules — most of which revolve around the Airport line — and why SEPTA had to make the changes.

SEPTA GM Jeffrey Knueppel: SEPTA is receiving questions from riders about the new Regional Rail schedules that go into effect this week.

SEPTA makes Regional Rail schedule changes several times each year; however, those that went into effect yesterday — and that many riders are adjusting to today — are more significant than any we've done in recent years. The most noticeable are connected to the Airport Line, but these are overall system changes designed to enhance service reliability across SEPTA's Regional Rail network.

SEPTA has recently seen an unacceptable drop in on-time performance on the railroad. For more than a year, we have been analyzing data to pinpoint the problems and identify solutions. That led us to implement these revisions connected to the Airport Line.

Before this schedule change, the Airport Line was linked with the West Trenton and Warminster lines — both very long routes with high, and growing, ridership. Any problems West Trenton and Warminster trains had impacted Airport Line service. Likewise, problems on the Airport Line would delay West Trenton and Warminster trains. And with these and other rail lines sharing interlockings — points where trains converge – we would often see a cascading effect, with delays spreading onto additional lines that were otherwise running on time.

By separating the Airport Line from the West Trenton and Airport Lines, and simultaneously implementing a number of timetable changes system-wide, SEPTA can deliver more reliable service to customers. We'll be analyzing impacts of this change, along with customer feedback, to guide us on additional changes as we move forward.

We understand some Airport, Warminster and West Trenton Line customers will have to make changes to their daily commutes due to the new schedules. For instance, customers who previously used the Warminster or West Trenton Lines to travel to the Airport or University City may need to transfer at Suburban Station to an Airport, Media/Elwyn or Wilmington/Newark Line train to complete their trips.

To assist riders with adjusting to the new schedules, signage has been posted at stations along the impacted lines. SEPTA ambassadors will also be out at stations this week to help direct passengers and answer any questions.

We urge all customers to check our website, Septa.org, to view and download the new timetables.

JEFFREY KNUEPPEL

Ask SEPTA

SEPTA GENERAL MANAGER

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New anti-pet waste spokesdog elected

The Philadelphia Water Department recently elected a new spokesdog against pet waste pollution after a "best in show" contest in Fishtown.

"Shorty and his owner, Michelle Pauls, will help spread the word about picking up after pets to ensure waste stays out of the city's storm drains and rivers, where it can cause environmental issues," said Virginia Vassalotti, from the Schuylkill Action Network, in an email.

Shorty will now be the face of the Water Department's efforts to reduce pollution caused by bad pet waste habits.

Pet waste, when not properly disposed of, can seep into the Philly watershed and cause illness to humans and animals. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Russia warns Turkey over Aegean warship incident

The episode is likely to heighten tensions between the two nations who are seriously at odds over Syria and the Turkish shooting down of a Russian military jet last month.

Russian President Vladimir Putin GETTY IMAGES

Russia on Sunday warned Turkey to stop staging what it called provocations against its forces in or near Syria after one of its warships fired warning shots at a Turkish vessel in the Aegean to avoid a collision.

The Russian Defense Ministry said one of its warships, the destroyer Smetlivy, had been forced to fire the warning shots on Sunday morning and that it had summoned the Turkish military attache over the incident.

"The Turkish military diplomat was given a tough explanation about the potentially disastrous consequences from Ankara's reckless actions towards Russia's military contingent fighting against international terrorism in Syria," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

"In particular, our deep concerns about more Turkish provocations toward the Russian destroyer Smetlivy were conveyed."

Earlier on Sunday, the ministry said that the Turkish fishing vessel failed to respond to Smetlivy's warnings and changed course sharply only after shots were fired before passing within just over 500 meters of the warship.

"Only by luck was tragedy avoided," the ministry said.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, who was in Rome for talks on Libya, said Ankara was investigating the matter and would make a statement once it had more information.

He also reiterated Turkey's position that it wanted to resolve its difficulties with Russia. "We want to solve the tension with dialogue," he said, in comments broadcast by TRT Turk.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who called the downing of the plane a "stab in the back," has since imposed economic sanctions on Turkey as a retaliatory measure.

Earlier this month, Turkey complained to Russia over an incident in which a Russian sailor was pictured brandishing a rocket launcher on the deck of a naval ship passing through Istanbul. REUTERS

North Texas college student with ax shot dead by police

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A police officer at the University of North Texas shot and killed an ax-wielding student suspected of knocking out car windows early on Sunday morning.

A university police officer responded to reports of the vandalism and encountered a white male suspect, who advanced toward him with the ax and was shot, President Neal Smatresk said in a statement posted on Twitter and addressed to the university community.

No one else was hurt, he said.

The dead man was later identified by the Tarrant County medical examiner as Ryan McMillan, 21. He died at a hospital at 1:33 a.m MT according to the examiner's report.

"This is a tragic event that saddens us as a university community," Smatresk wrote. "We offer our condolences to the individuals, their families and all involved."

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BRIEF

Death toll from day of clashes in Burundi capital rises to nearly 90

Nearly 90 people were killed during Friday's clashes in the Burundian capital, the army said, the worst outbreak of violence in Burundi since a failed coup in May.

Blasts and gunfire echoed around Bujumbura for most of Friday and residents said officials spent the day collecting bullet-riddled bodies from city streets.

Army spokesman Gaspard Baratuza said on Saturday gunmen had attacked three military sites in Bujumbura, kindling a day of clashes across the city. He said 79 attackers were killed and 45 others captured. Four police officers and four soldiers also died.

"Sweep operations have finished now," Baratuza said, adding that officials confiscated weapons and ammunition.

Unrest erupted in April when President Pierre Nkurunziza announced plans for a third term in office. A 12-year civil war, which ended in 2005, pitted rebel groups of the Hutu majority, including one led by Nkurunziza, against an army then led by the Tutsi minority.

The latest turmoil has unnerved a region still volatile two decades after the genocide in neighboring Rwanda, which has the same ethnic mix.

Friday's clashes were condemned by the United States, which like other Western powers fears the Central African nation could slide back into ethnic conflict.

The U.N. Security Council was briefed on the developments in Burundi late on Friday. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power, who is president of the council for December, said the 15-member body was ready to consider "further steps." REUTERS

Refugees wait behind a fence to cross the border between Greece and Macedonia, near the southern Macedonian town of Gevgelija. GETTY IMAGES

Border force plan faces resistance

EU officials call the plan a largely theoretical "nuclear option" and stress that any infringement of national sovereignty would be balanced by the power of a majority of member states to block commission intervention.

A proposal to give the European Union executive the power to send forces unbidden into member states to defend the common European frontier will face resistance from some countries when it is published this week.

The European Commission wants to be able to deploy personnel from a new European Border and Coastguard Agency without, as currently required, the consent of the state concerned, EU officials told Reuters in early December, reflecting frustration with Greek reluctance to seek help with migrants.

The commission will set out the plan on Tuesday to reinforce its Frontex agency with up to six times more staff, EU officials said, following a commitment to an EU border guard in September by President Jean-Claude Juncker.

"We think the current situation justifies a certain ambition," the commission's chief spokesman said on Friday, expressing confidence about backing from member states.

Failure to strengthen the EU's external borders, senior officials argue, will see more states reimpose frontier controls inside the bloc, wrecking its cherished Schengen free-movement zone, and foster the rise of anti-EU nationalists like France's National Front.

But while big powers France and Germany support such EU power, other EU leaders may voice concerns at a summit on Thursday. Italy has pushed for a "Europeanisation" of external frontiers to relieve the costs on itself and Greece of policing the Mediterranean. But the plan may go too far for many leaders.

"This idea will face opposition from most member states," an EU diplomat said. "We believe such a solution would interfere too deeply in member states' internal competences."

"The commission is testing our limits," said another. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Powers back unity government in Libya to deter Islamic State
Global powers on Sunday backed the formation of a national unity government in Libya, pledging economic and security support to help stabilize the chaotic North African country where Islamic State militants have a foothold.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Italian counterpart Paolo Gentiloni, joined by U.N. envoy Martin Kobler, were optimistic that the majority of the representatives of Libya's two rival governments would sign a unity deal on Dec. 16.

Representatives from 17 countries including Egypt, Germany, Russia, Turkey, and China signed a joint statement calling for an immediate cease-fire and promising to cut off contacts with factions that do not sign the deal.

Fifteen Libyans from different groups also attended the meeting. Past deadlines have slipped amid internal disagreements in the sprawling, oil-producing country rife with armed groups.

"We stand ready to support the implementation of the political agreement and underline our firm commitment to providing the Government of National Accord with full political backing and technical, economic, security and counterterrorism assistance, as requested," the statement said.

Both Kerry and Gentiloni, who co-chaired the meeting, appeared confident a deal was around the corner, and stressed that a unity government was needed also to fight the growing threat from Islamic State militants.

"The message of today's meeting is clear," Gentiloni said. "What matters is the stabilization of Libya because this too can contribute to the fight against terrorism." REUTERS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
POLICY DOCUMENTS AND LEASE

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is requesting public comments and conducting a public hearing on the following policy and lease documents:

Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) – PHA's admissions and continued occupancy policies for conventional and scattered site public housing are described in the ACOP. A copy of the proposed ACOP and a summary of changes from the current version are available for public review as noted below.

Lease Agreement – The Lease Agreement is an agreement entered into between PHA and the Head(s) of Household for each PHA public housing unit. A copy of the proposed Lease Agreement and a summary of changes are available for public review as noted below.

Community Service Rider – The Community Service Rider is a rider to the Lease Agreement. PHA proposes to modify the Community Service Rider. A copy of the proposed Community Service Rider is available for public review as noted below.

Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan (Administrative Plan) – PHA's policies related to administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program including admissions and continued occupancy policies are described in the Administrative Plan. A copy of the proposed Administrative Plan and a summary of changes from the current version are available for public review as noted below.

Copies of the above-listed documents are available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at:

Public Housing Management Offices:
Bartram - 5404 Gibson Drive
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Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
2850 Germantown Ave 1st Floor

Scattered Sites Management Offices:
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PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may provide oral comments on any of the above matters by attending the public hearing described below and/or by submitting written comments during the comment period. A public hearing will be conducted at the following time and location:

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 11:00 am
12 South 23rd Street, 6th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The comment period begins on December 11, 2015 and ends on January 11, 2016 at 12 noon. Comments on any or all of the above matters must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to: Philadelphia Housing Authority, Policy Research and Enterprise Planning Office Attention: Policy Documents and Lease Comments 12 South 23rd St. Phila., PA 19103.

The public hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY

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A Tornado aircraft takes off from the German army Bundeswehr air base in Jagel, northern Germany. GETTY IMAGES

Merkel dismisses US request for more military help against ISIS

Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday brushed off what a German magazine said was a request from the United States to provide more military help in the fight against Islamic State.

"I believe Germany is fulfilling its part and we don't need to talk about new issues related to this question at the moment," Merkel told the ZDF broadcaster when asked about the Der Spiegel magazine report of the U.S. request.

Der Spiegel reported on Saturday that U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter had sent a letter asking for a bigger military contribution from Germany, a week after parliament approved a plan to join the campaign in Syria.

A German Defense Ministry spokesman confirmed a letter had been received from the United States and its content was under consideration, giving no further details.

Der Spiegel said the letter did not make specific demands and was similar to requests sent to other U.S. partners.

Germany's mission includes six Tornado reconnaissance jets, a frigate to protect the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle, refueling aircraft and up to 1,200 troops.

The deployment is a direct response to a French appeal for solidarity after militant attacks in Paris killed 130 people. Germany does not plan to carry out air strikes in Syria.

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Germany has over the past two years shown a growing readiness to commit troops to foreign missions.

Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said last week Germany might need bigger armed forces to cope with the more assertive role.

More than 3,000 personnel are currently deployed overseas and the Syria mission will raise that by up to 1,200. Von der Leyen also wants to send 650 troops to Mali to help the French campaign against Islamist militants there.

Germany last year started arming Iraqi Kurds fighting Islamic State. REUTERS

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BRIEF

LA County sheriff vows thorough probe into shooting of black man

The Los Angeles County sheriff vowed on Sunday to thoroughly investigate the fatal shooting of a black man by policemen who said the suspect refused to drop his weapon, after a video posted online appeared to show him crawling away.

Two unidentified Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies on Saturday killed Nicholas Robertson, a 28-year-old black man, in Lynwood, outside the city of Los Angeles, the sheriff's department said. Officers said he had failed to comply with orders to drop his gun when they confronted him in front of a busy gas station.

The shooting was the latest to draw attention at a time of heightened scrutiny in the United States over police use of lethal force against unarmed black people. Over the past year, protesters have taken to the streets across the country to demonstrate against the police. Most of the protests have been peaceful, but some have turned violent.

"We understand the significant community concern anytime the police are involved in the use of deadly force," County Sheriff Jim McDonnell said at a news conference.

Deputies responded after receiving several 911 calls about shots fired in the area, Steven Katz, an official with the sheriff's homicide division, said at the same news conference.

The sheriff's department also said it had witnesses who had seen the suspect turn and point a gun at the deputies before the shooting.

The deputies fired 33 shots at Robertson, who was pronounced dead at the scene, where a loaded handgun was recovered, Katz said. REUTERS

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Muslim-Americans struggle with the fallout from San Bernardino attack

Unidentified men pray in a mosque during a Friday prayer service at the Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. GETTY IMAGES

With tears in her eyes, Mohammad Halisi's young daughter asked her father, "Why are we bad?" after seeing reports that a Muslim couple killed 14 people in California last week, and wanted to know whether she should hide the fact she is Muslim from others at her school.

Recalling the conversation while choking back his own tears, the 61-year-old father said he felt frustrated that he and his family were being held responsible for the actions of people he branded "a couple of idiot terrorists."

"It's getting to a point where you have to hide who you are," Halisi said on Friday night at the Islamic Society of Corona-Norco mosque where leaders and law enforcement met to address negative perceptions of the Muslim community.

The mosque is just 25 miles from San Bernardino, where U.S.-born Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, and his Pakistani-born wife Tashfeen Malik, 29, opened fire on his co-workers last week in what the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation is treating as an act of terror.

Malik had pledged allegiance to Islamic State on Facebook around the time of the attack and the FBI believes the two had been radicalized for some time.

Muslim-Americans across the country have said they are worried about a backlash, as happened in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. A handful of incidents at mosques and a rash of anti-Muslim political rhetoric over the last week appear to be compounding their fears of growing Islamophobia.

On Friday, a fire burned the entrance to a mosque in Southern California's Coachella Valley, some 75 miles from San Bernardino. A 23-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson and for committing a hate crime, the Los Angeles Times reported.

A pig's head was thrown at a mosque in Philadelphia on Monday and a mosque in Jersey City, New Jersey, received a letter calling Muslims "evil" and telling them to "go back to the desert."

Several U.S. mosques this year have been subjected to protests by armed groups. On Saturday, a group of fewer than 10 people, some wearing camouflage and rifles slung over their shoulders, stood outside a mosque in the Dallas suburb of Richardson and held signs and American flags, according to images and reports from local media. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump ratcheted up the rhetoric on Monday by calling for a ban on Muslim immigrants, students and other travelers entering the country, provoking sharp rebukes across the U.S. political spectrum and from abroad.

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FBI wraps up search of California lake for shooting clues

FBI divers search for evidence in the massacre in San Bernardino that may have been thrown into Seccombe Lake in San Bernardino, California. GETTY IMAGES

FBI divers have wrapped up a three-day search of a lakebed where authorities suspect a couple inspired by Islamic State dumped evidence linked to their massacre of 14 people, an official said on Sunday.

The divers have retrieved objects from Seccombe Lake, Laura Eimiller, a Federal Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman, said in an email. She declined to describe the objects or say whether they appeared to be tied to the mass shooting.

Since Thursday, divers have been searching the San Bernardino lake, in a public park, about 2.5 miles north of the site of the shooting.

U.S. officials have said their investigation has yet to turn up evidence that foreign militants directed Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, or Tashfeen Malik, 29, when the married pair stormed a holiday gathering of his co-workers at a regional center in San Bernardino on Dec. 2 and opened fire with assault rifles.

The couple shot dead 14 people and wounded more than 20 in a rampage the FBI said it was treating as an act of terrorism inspired by Islamic militants. If that is confirmed, it would be the most lethal such attack on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001.

Farook, the U.S.-born son of Pakistani immigrants, and Malik, a Pakistani native he married last year in Saudi Arabia, were killed in a shootout with police hours after the assault in San Bernardino, 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

ABC News and other media have reported the FBI divers at the lake were looking for a computer hard drive that belonged to the couple, but Eimiller declined to confirm that.

The underwater search stemmed from leads indicating Farook and Malik had been in the vicinity of Seccombe Lake on the day of the killings, the FBI has said.

The FBI has said the couple declared they were acting on behalf of Islamic State. But FBI Director James Comey has said there was no evidence the militant group was aware of them prior to their attack. REUTERS

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Taylor Swift has gone mad with trademarking power

Oh, Taylor Swift, you really need to calm down. The 25-year-old pop star decided to close out her banner year by trying to trademark a whole slew of terms, including "Blank space," "And I'll write your name," "a girl named Girl," Swiftmas" and … "1989." (Which leads me to wonder: How do you trademark a year?) Swift filed 20 trademark applications in all, but don't worry about them going through. Even if she's eventually successful, you can talk about the year 1989 without Swift's permission — unless you're referring to her album. I know her tour literally just ended and all, but should we be worried that Swift has too much free time on her hands?

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Jennifer Lawrence and Amy Schumer plan matching Golden Globes looks

They really are the best friends that ever were, apparently. When Jennifer Lawrence found herself up against pal Amy Schumer in this year's Golden Globes race, the "Joy" star took it as an opportunity for fun rather than a chance for competition to drive a wedge in their friendship. "We're going to try to figure out to wear the exact same thing. That's my mission. I really want us to wear the same thing," Lawrence tells E! News. "She's going to have to wear Dior. I'm just going to have to have Dior make two of whatever they're making for me." Simple enough! Because nothing says friendship like creating an unfair "who wore it better" scenario.

Elizabeth Olsen dumped her fiancé over the phone

Oh man, this is rough. Boyd Holbrook, former fiancé of "Avengers: Age of Ultron" star Elizabeth Olsen, apparently feels enough time has passed to vent about the demise of their relationship — a breakup neither had officially confirmed before. "On the same day that my best friend died, I got a call from my girl to tell me it was over," Holbrook tells Man of the World magazine, referring to the split as a "divorce," even. The one-two punch of Olsen's breakup call and friend David Armstrong's death led Holbrook to become "consumed with my own personal depression," he says, though he did eventually cheer himself up. "What happened over the course of the journey was that I started noticing the different types of trees," he says. "I started noticing beauty, the details." Oh. OK then.

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Adam McKay breaks down the financial crash for us normals in "The Big Short."

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Adam McKay took on quite a task with "The Big Short" — translating Michael Lewis' chronicle of the finance world outsiders who discovered the coming housing crash that led to the economic disaster of 2008 and making it an entertaining film for folks who don't necessarily know what a LIBOR is. But he likes a challenge.

I walked out of this movie livid about the whole thing all over again.
Good.

Was your intention to revive that anger?
Our news media never really broke it down and explained it. If anything, they did a great job of, "Oh, it's just a housing crisis, whatever" — and that was it. This same news media has a lot of advertisements for banks that play during their shows, too. So I don't think it was ever really fully explained because if it was, I think you would have had the American people knowing exactly what we have to do as far as reform. And because it was never explained, no one really knows. They just know they hate the banks. Then they get tired, and they go to hating liberals or hating gays. It's that same cycle that gets repeated over and over again with every financial collapse, in which the people who don't understand start hating immigrants.

McKay
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Do you think it's a good idea to make a movie with the goal of riling people up?
There's a bunch of goals with the movie. The number one goal is to get people excited about this world, because I think one of the biggest misunderstandings is that this world is boring. It's crazy we don't have economics and finance classes in public schools in high school. But yeah, that was the big goal — "this is exciting, this is pulse-pounding, this is stuff you can understand, people have lied to you by saying this is boring or too hard to know about." You can't tell this story without ending with kind of a sick feeling or getting angry. But I did know that I wanted the emotions to be changing. I wanted it to be fun sometimes, I wanted it to be intriguing, I wanted it to be emotional and then yes, in the end, tragic.

Having researched this, do you have a sense of what really started it?
There's a lot of different answers to that. In the '80s, a lot of emerging economies stepped up. Suddenly China started generating wealth, the Middle East got even wealthier, so all of a sudden, you have an extra 20 to 30 trillion dollars in play, and that's a lot of money that started swamping things. You mix that with Greenspan keeping interest rates low, so now everyone's looking for places to put that money. That's when Wall Street started developing all these exotic financial instruments. And then the lobbying efforts from the banks started, and I think when that happened that was it. They should outlaw lobbyists. That would fix a lot of things.

Christian Bale unravels fiscal malfeasance in "The Big Short." PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Recurring themes

A lot of this feels similar to the "We the Economy" series you worked on last year. Do you see any correlation between the two projects?
Without a doubt. Adam Davidson, our consultant on this movie, and I would just sit in my office and talk for hours about interest rates, about LIBOR rates, about how the Fed was created. We'd have these long discussions, and they were fascinating and I just loved it. And then I'd go read about it on my own and come back and sometimes I'd argue with him. He's a pro-free trade guy; I'm not and we'd argue about that. So that is where "We the Economy" came out of.

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With the new film of "Macbeth," Marion Cotillard wasn't just worried about playing an iconic character. She was also nervous about being a French actor speaking Shakespeare.

But the Oscar-winner learned to find her own Lady Macbeth, opposite Michael Fassbender as the murderous Thane-turned-King. And she enjoyed it so much she's already reunited with her co-star and her director, Justin Kurzel, for a very different film: the big movie version of video game "Assassin's Creed."

How did you approach playing a character played by so many over the centuries?

When I started working on the role, I had this pressure that came from that fact that she's so iconic. Many actresses

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have done it before, brilliantly. I was like, "What am I going to do to not be compared with Judi Dench, for example, who reached absolute perfection?" As much as I loved her performance, I needed to get rid of her, because she was stuck in my brain.

How did you get over that?

I thought, "Justin is such an amazing director, I just need to put myself in his hands." His vision was very special, and it's very different from the Orson Welles one or the Roman Polanski one. Therefore my interpretation would be different, too. He wanted to find the intimacy between the two characters. He wanted to find the humanity.

Was Shakespeare something you studied back when you first started learning English?

We studied Shakespeare, but it was in French. I started learning English in school, but with French teachers. I really started learning English because I love this language, and I wanted to be able to express myself in it.

The first time I did an American movie was Tim Burton's film ["Big Fish," from 2003], and I struggled a lot on set. I wanted to be comfortable. I did a total immersion after that, in school. What really helped me improve my English was working on Michael Mann's movie "Public Enemies." I had a dialect coach and we worked for six months.

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This is a Shakespeare movie that doesn't make the language primary. A lot of it is about watching them as they don't speak.

That's what happens in life: We're not talking all the time. You observe people. Sometimes you can learn a lot about someone by observing them when they're not talking. It's very interesting to watch the silence of a person, to watch the way they watch the world or other people. You learn a lot from that.

You've talked about having a hard time letting go of Edith Piaf when you made "La Vie en Rose." Did you have a hard time letting go of this one?

No. At the end of the day it could be hard, because the next day I would have a big scene and I'd have to work on it. But I've learned to enter a character and get out of it.

"Macbeth" for today

This is also about how brutal that period of time was for humanity. We like to think we've advanced over the centuries, but in other ways we haven't much at all.

We're less connected to the Earth, and we've created the illusion that money, power and owning things will lead us to happiness. The movie tells us if you don't face your fears and pain, if you try to cover this with violence or the illusion of power, it will lead you to madness. That's the same today. We're in a mad world where we cover our pain and fear by buying a new TV or buying a new dress, buying a new cellphone. It's just an illusion. It doesn't lead us to happiness.

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Cooking time: 25 minutes
Attributes: shellfish
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What we send
- 4 cloves garlic (0.2 oz each)
- 1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives (2 oz)
- 2 tablespoons capers (0.8 oz)
- 8 oz bucatini
- 12 oz shrimp
- 1 teaspoon dried chile flake (0.06 oz)
- 14 oz can baby roma tomatoes
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What you need
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1 Prep ingredients
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2 Cook pasta
Add bucatini to boiling water and cook until very al dente, about 6 minutes. Reserve 1 cup pasta water.

3 Make sauce
Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add garlic, shrimp and half of the chile flakes and cook, turning once, until golden brown, about 2 minutes. Transfer shrimp to a plate.

4 Finish sauce
Add tomatoes, breaking up with a spoon, and bring to a simmer. Add olives, capers and remaining half of the chile flakes if desired. Cook, stirring often, until slightly reduced, about 4 minutes.

5 Finish pasta
Add pasta and pasta water to skillet and bring to a simmer. Cook, tossing often, until pasta is tender and sauce is reduced and coats pasta, about 4 minutes. Add shrimp and toss to combine.

6 Serve
Pick oregano leaves from stems and scatter over pasta. Drizzle with olive oil. Enjoy!

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"It's really the same show, with more choreography and a few more songs," says Baeza. "But we can give our characters more heart. I can play Rudolph as more sad about being bullied, and the audience can connect more with us. Since we're alive."

This isn't Baeza's first time playing an animal — or a male character. Her very first role, at 7, was Toto in a children's theater version of "The Wizard of Oz," and she toured nationally in "Peter Pan."

"Playing a young boy is sort of my niche, since I look so young," the 24-year-old says.

The "Rudolph" team wasn't looking to cast a female in the lead role — they spent a while searching for a male tenor. But Baeza had a friend in casting and wrote to ask about the part. "They didn't consider a female, but I submitted a video and they said, "Oh my gosh, why haven't we thought of this before?'" And now they're only looking for females for future productions."

It might be far in the future. Baeza plans to be donning her reindeer costume over the holidays for a long time: "They said I can do it until I'm in a walker, since I look so young." The rest of the year she's working at Disneyland performing as a singer in two shows, or at home playing guitar and writing her own music.

When it's time for "Rudolph" again, Baeza has to be ready to quickly bounce from city to city. She says she naturally has a lot of energy — and "coffee helps."

"Even if I'm in the worst mood, if I'm tired, hearing the kids out there so excited always gets my energy up," Baeza says. "It might be their first time at the theater, and they're so loud. When I come out, they're all like "RUDOLPH!"

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Millennial men are happier after getting married than their female partners. ISTOCK

Young women might fantasize about their wedding day for years, but a study found that marriage won't make them dramatically happier.

"It appears that young people, especially women, get the same emotional boost from moving in together as they do from going directly to marriage," says study co-author Sara Mernitz, a doctoral student in human sciences at Ohio State University. "There's no additional boost from getting married."

The study, which used data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997, included 8,700 people born between 1980-84 — the first four years of the millennial generation — who were interviewed every other year from 2000 to 2010.

Participants were asked about their relationship status as well as five questions to assess their levels of emotional distress at each interview. On a scale of 1 (all of the time) to 4 (none of the time), they reported how often in the past month they had felt sadness, depression and other negative emotions.

Men vs. women

The scientists found that single young women experienced a similar decline in emotional distress whether they moved in with a romantic partner or went straight to marriage. Men, however, experienced a drop in emotional distress only when they got married first, not when they moved in with a romantic partner.

For young adults who moved on from that first relationship, both men and women got a similar emotional boost whether they moved in with their second partner or married them.

Moving in together

Claire Kamp Dush, study co-author and associate professor of human sciences at Ohio State, says the results may highlight the fact that cohabiting today does not carry the same stigma as in previous generations. An estimated two-thirds of couples today live together before they get married.

"At one time marriage may have been seen as the only way for young couples to get the social support and companionship that is important for emotional health," she says.

"It's not that way anymore. We're finding that marriage isn't necessary to reap the benefits of living together, at least when it comes to emotional health."

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One of the most popular self-help books ever written is "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie, and, frankly, it's no wonder: Who doesn't want to will others into doing what one wants, whether through one's presence, words or sheer charisma?

Well, life coach Niurka — yes, just Niurka — says the key to such persuasiveness, and to one's empowerment, is communication, and an important component to that is rapport.

"Rapport is essential in all negotiations, because when there's rapport the decision-maker will want to work with you, even if you're not saying the perfect thing," says Niurka, whose new book is "Supreme Influence: Change Your Life With the Power of the Language You Use." But you can't exactly fake chemistry. We asked the guru for her advice on establishing that kind of connection with your boss, coworker or superior.

Be aware

The first thing is awareness: After all, you have to be self-aware enough to know when you aren't establishing a rapport with someone — or when you lose it. "Oftentimes people communicate too soon," she says. "They're so in tune with what they want to say rather than being totally present with the person and the situation." Notice your target's body language, her breathing, her mood, and try to play off that.

Care about the bigger picture

When talking to a boss or supervisor, don't make it about you, you, you. "You have to authentically care about the bigger picture, not just your agenda," advises Niurka. "Before you go in, ask yourself not just 'What do I want?' or 'How can I get what I want in this conversation?' but 'What's important to this person, to this company as a whole?' or 'How can I show up in away that supports them so they know that I'm the best person for this job or task?'"

Ask questions

One important — and easy — way to establish rapport and show that you genuinely care about

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One more thing

When you're going to an important meeting — whether it's one-on-one with your boss or giving a big presentation to a group of people — be clear on your intention, without attachment to outcome," says Niurka. "You don't want to get tunnel vision, so you've got to be clear about what is the essence of what it is that you're inspired to create or achieve, and then be open to all the different ways you can make that a reality.

the other person's needs and concerns is to ask questions. "Say: 'I'm curious about what's working, or what isn't working,' in terms of a particular context — or, 'If you can change one thing in this department what would it be?'" suggests Niurka. "You want someone to get passionate and then connect on that point of passion: You don't want to be the one who's passionate and trying to sell them on it. You want them to have a buy-in."

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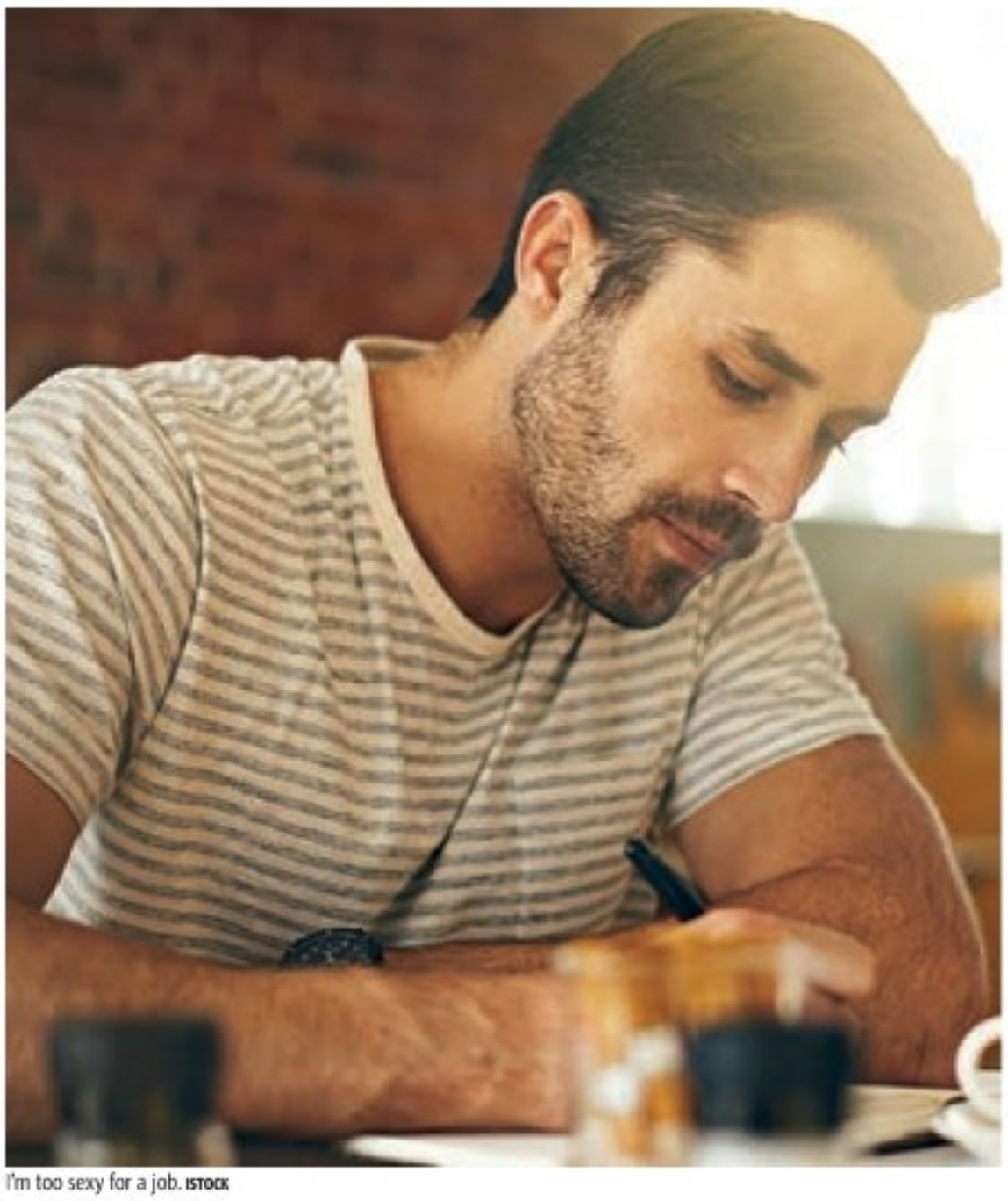

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Why being super hot can hurt your career

At least if you're a guy.

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Bad news for any Don Draper or George Clooney lookalikes out there: A study has found handsome men have a harder time getting promoted than your average Joe.

While the opposite is true of women (who have an easier time the better-looking they are), dashing chaps are often discriminated against by men who feel threatened by their good looks.

> *"Managers are affected by stereotypes and make hiring decisions to serve their own self-interests, so organizations may not get the most competent candidates."* Lee

Attractive men are preferred for roles that require cooperation (like R&D), but they are less likely to be promoted for competitive jobs, such as in sales departments, according to research from University College London's School of Management and the University of Maryland.

The same effect wasn't found for pretty women, since female attractiveness isn't necessarily associated with competence. Dr. Sun Young Lee, assistant professor of organizational behavior at UCL, says such results are indicative of the way physical stereotypes interact with gender stereotypes.

Through four experiments involving 870 volunteers, researchers presented participants with various scenarios in which they had to pick one candidate for a specific job. The candidates' CVs featured almost identical skill sets and qualifications for the role: The only difference was the photographs.

"Managers are affected by stereotypes and make hiring decisions to serve their own self-interests, so organizations may not get the most competent candidates," says Lee. "With more companies involving employees in recruitment processes, this important point needs attention. Awareness that hiring is affected by potential work relationships and stereotyping tendencies can help organizations improve their selection processes."

Lee says engaging external representatives improves selection outcomes, as outsiders are likely to provide fairer inputs. "Also, if organizations make managers more accountable for their decisions, they'll be less motivated to pursue self-interests at the expense of the company," she says.

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Eagles 'D' bounces Bills

The Eagles' defense did just enough to spoil Shady McCoy's return to Philly.

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The Eagles defense stepped up and ruined the return of LeSean McCoy to the City of Brotherly Love Sunday, as a 23-20 win helped the Eagles keep pace in the NFC East.

The Birds, who did not look particularly potent on offense nor on defense, did just enough on both sides of the ball while taking advantage of 15 Buffalo penalties for 101 costly yards.

With things tied at 20-all in the fourth quarter, a teardrop pass thrown to Zach Ertz was snatched away by Bills defensive back Leodis McKelvin.

The Eagles defense held the Bills twice (with a 3-and-out in the middle) before getting the back with just over five minutes to play. Ertz turned a quick slant into a beast-mode run, galloping 41 yards while breaking two tackles to get the Eagles into field goal range.

Nelson Agholor's 53-yard TD catch was his first career NFL touchdown. GETTY IMAGES

A Caleb Sturgis chip shot gave Philly a 23-20 lead with just over three minutes to go and the defense did it's job two more times as Ed Reynolds picked off Taylor to clinch the 'W'.

1 Just enough offense

The Eagles used a big Fletcher Cox sack on defense early to spark the offense, as the Birds marched 61 yards on eight plays during their opening drive, utilizing all three of their running backs with Darren Sproles punching into the end zone to give Philly a 7-0 lead. Two field goals, one as the first ended and one on the Birds' first second-half drive gave the Eagles a two-possession lead (paired of course with Nelson Agholor's 53-yard touchdown catch).

Aside from the fluky Bradford pick, the Eagles' quarterback was solid, managing the Eagles' offense to the tune of 247 yards on 23-of-38 passing.

2 Stopping Shady

The Eagles' all-time leading rusher was juiced up for Sunday's game and given a heavy workload by Bills head coach Rex Ryan. Serving as Buffalo's only captain at the pregame coin toss, boos echoed through the Linc as the running back bent over and kissed the Eagles logo at the 50-yard line.

In the game, McCoy was responsible for 20 carries, tallying 74 yards (and adding four catches for 35 yards) and helping the Bills control the ball 35:14 to the Eagles' 24:46 time of possession.

There was no handshake after the game between McCoy and Eagles coach Chip Kelly — McCoy sprinted off the field after the game finished.

3 Bend but don't break

The Eagles' secondary was, not unexpectedly, exploited by big-bodied receiver Sammy Watkins, who first broke through in the first with a 47-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 7-apiece.

However, the unit came through in several big spots, most notably in the third quarter, stopping a Bills scoring march in its tracks and forcing Buffalo to settle for a 40-yard field at the 4:28 mark, keeping the Eagles ahead by a touchdown 20-13.

The ugly side of the defense shined through just minutes later after a Birds' 3-and-out as Philly allowed a big Tyrod Taylor scramble to pick up a third-and-long and set up Mike Gillislee's 19-yard touchdown run that tied things at 20.

Philly's special teams unit did it again as well. In the second quarter the unit created a turnover as the Bills muffed a punt and Bryan Braman covered it up to give the Birds possession.

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Kelly seems to be distracted by media, Eagles' players do not

Chip Kelly continues to show he's annoyed with the Philadelphia print media.

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There have been a lot of interesting Eagles headlines during the last two weeks, and not many of them have been about the Eagles preparations for the Patriots and Bills, their last two opponents.

From stories about a handshake snub, to coaching rumors, to every kind of NFL gossip ESPN drools over, the Eagles have dealt with it all. And they've won back-to-back games.

"A lot of it to me is tabloid journalism," Chip Kelly said after Sunday's 23-20 win over Buffalo. "They are trying to stretch things out that don't matter to us … when people want to make up fake stories, people are trying to get twitter hits or things like that and make themselves significant when s—t doesn't happen."

LeSean McCoy made sure to embrace Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

"I think that if you have been in the league for a long time, especially playing in Philly, you realize that the media is pretty strong and there is going to be stuff circulating at all times." Jason Kelce

And while Kelly is feeling the heat as he deals with reporters four times a week, the players have been able to tune it out.

"I think that's been what's been really special about this team and this group for the last two weeks," Sam Bradford said Sunday. "There has been a lot of noise from outside the building, especially after the Thanksgiving Day game. It doesn't seem to affect us. I think everybody has done a great job of staying focused and not letting any of that add anything extra to the game. I thought our preparation was great, to go out there and get another team win tonight is huge."

The drama did not seem to unfold like the pundits hoped, as a frustrated and angry LeSean McCoy stormed into the visitors' locker room without giving his former coach the chance for an embrace.

He also refused to talk to the media following the game, saying he didn't have anything to say.

The Eagles defense held the former Birds' running back and all-time franchise rushing leader in check. Even with some pretty potent trash talk.

"I think I started it off this time," safety Malcolm Jenkins said of bantering with his former teammate. "Shady is never lost for words."

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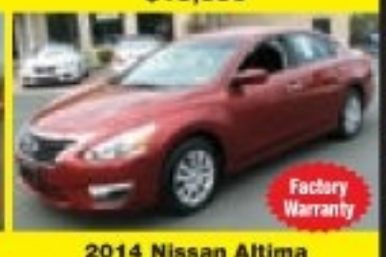

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NFL Around the League

The AFC North may not be as wrapped up as it once looked to be. GETTY IMAGES

- **Steelers 33, Bengals 20:** The big news in this one was Andy Dalton's thumb injury to his throwing hand. He will miss next week's game but his status after that is unclear. A.J. McCarron connected with A.J. Green for a 66-yard touchdown shortly after Dalton left the game. William Gay returned a McCarron interception for a touchdown while the teams were busy trading field goals (they combined for six). DeAngelo Williams found the end zone twice for Pittsburgh.
- **Panthers 38, Falcons 0:** Carolina built a 21-point lead before the end of the first quarter (including two Ted Ginn touchdown receptions of 74 and 46 yards, his only catches of the day) and never looked back as their march to an undefeated season and Cam Newton's (15/21, 265, 3 TD) march to an MVP trophy continued. The Falcons lost their sixth game in a row.
- **Jaguars 51, Colts 16:** The Colts dropped their second in a row and the loss to Jacksonville ends a 16-game divisional win streak for Indianapolis. Blake Bortles (16/30, 250, 3 TD, 17 rushing yards, TD) connected with his usual suspects, Julius Thomas, Allen Robinson, and Allen Hurns, for touchdowns during a 42-point second half for the Jaguars. With the win, Jacksonville sits a game behind Indianapolis in the division.
- **Jets 30, Titans 8:** Marcus Mariota (21/39, 274, INT) caught a 41-yard touchdown pass, but that was the lone highlight of the day for the Titans, as Ryan Fitzpatrick (21/36, 263, 3 TD) and Chris Ivory (22 carries for 101 yards) led the Jets to a 27-0 lead by halftime.
- **Redskins 24, Bears 21:** Kirk Cousins and Jay Cutler dueled in Chicago, but like last week, it came down to a Robbie Gould field goal, and like last week, the Bears came up empty. The win keeps Washington atop the NFC East tied with the Eagles.

St. Joseph's

The Owls forced overtime but then couldn't seal the deal as St. Joseph's improves to 7-2.

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With just 36 seconds left and the Hawks up one, Bembry knocked the ball off of Temple guard Josh Brown's leg, forcing an Owls turnover. The Hawks would run the clock down to just five seconds before an Obi Enechionyia last-second heave was just off the mark for the Owls.

"Bembry's a great defender and sped me up a little bit," Brown said of the play. "I tried to settle the offense down, but he got his hand on the ball."

Bembry registered his third double-double of the season with 17 points and 13 rebounds in the Hawks win. He's averaging 15.8 points and 7.1 rebounds on the season.

"He's a different player," Brown said of Bembry. "He's not just a scorer, he does a lot of the intangibles. You can't just say we stopped him because he didn't get 20 points, he

outlasts Owls in classic

Martelli vents his Big 5 frustration

After his win over the Owls, Hawks coach Phil Martelli was upset at the scheduling of Big 5 games this season.

"We need in Philadelphia to get together," said Martelli. "There shouldn't be a four o'clock Big 5 game and then a five o'clock Big 5 game because from the outside looking in, it looks like we're just getting these games in. I'm not pointing a finger at anybody, I'm not blaming anybody ... but the Big 5 is way too important. We as an entity ... we need to get it right. We can't have a Philadelphia game like Penn-Temple not be on TV."

Fran Dunphy's squad dropped to below .500 with Sunday's loss. GETTY IMAGES

got a lot of rebounds, he got his hands on a lot of loose balls and he got a lot of steals. I think we contained him, but when it was winning time he stepped up his play."

The Owls were led by Enechionyia, who notched 25 points and 13 rebounds in the loss. It was Enechionyia's first career double-double for the Owls. Brown and Quenton DeCosey added 13 apiece.

Next up for the Hawks is Illinois State (4-6) at home on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Owls face Delaware State (0-9) Saturday at the Liacouras Center at 4 p.m.

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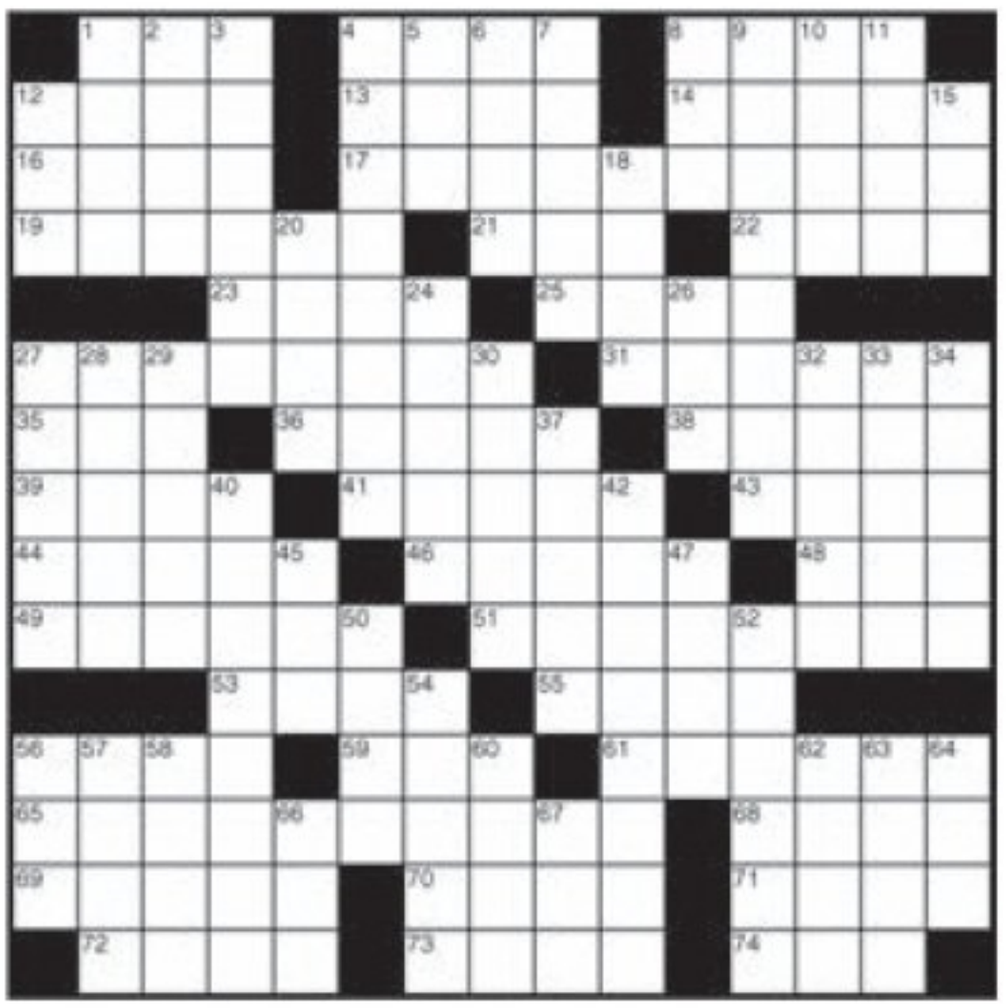

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Aries Speak up, but avoid being condescending. You will get much further ahead with intelligent, thoughtful responses.

Taurus Speak up and share your opinion in order to make headway. Love and romance will improve your disposition and living arrangements.

Gemini The less time you spend discussing your plans, the easier it will be to get things done without interference. Keep your life simple.

Cancer Take the road less traveled. No matter what you do, if you are unique and innovative in your pursuits, others will take notice and praise you.

Leo Emotional matters will confuse you. Listen to what's being said and weigh the terms or criticism you receive carefully. Consider your options.

Virgo Discuss your plans with someone you want to form a partnership with. A heartfelt display will lead to a collaboration.

Libra Even if someone begs you to offer advice, refrain from meddling. You'll be the one blamed for whatever transpires if you aren't careful.

Scorpio Be direct in your approach to handling both domestic and professional matters. A clear-cut view of your plans will help you avoid setbacks.

Sagittarius Don't send the wrong message. Be exact about your capabilities in order to make a good impression on someone who counts.

Capricorn Don't count on anyone but yourself when it comes to doing what needs to be done. Personal improvements will draw attention.

Aquarius Don't let your overloaded schedule get you down. Take things one step at a time and don't let anyone put undue pressure on you.

Pisces When dealing with people who are secretive, take precautions. You won't get the answers you are looking for from others. EUGENIA LAST

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